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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

- ☒ No additional fee is required.
☐ The fee has been calculated as shown below.
☐ This is an application of a small entity under 37 CFR 1.9(f), and the amounts shown in parentheses apply.

Claims as Amended

(1)	(2) Claims remaining after amendment	(3)	(4) Highest number previously paid for	(5) Present extra	(6) Rate	(7) Additional fee
Total claims	18	Minus	24 =	0 ×	\$50(25)	= \$0
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 ** If the highest number of total claims previously paid for is less than 20, write "20" in this space.
 *** If the highest number of independent claims previously paid for is less than 3, write "3" in this space.

- ☐ This application contains a multiple dependent claim. The required fee of \$360 (\$180) has been previously paid ☐, or is paid herewith ☐.
- ☐ This response is being filed within the _____ month following the expiration of the term originally set therefor. This is a petition to request a -month extension of time. A check covering the cost of the petition is enclosed.
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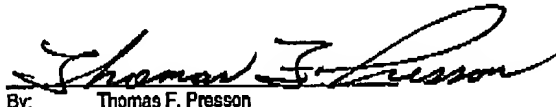
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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed on May 3, 2006, having a three-month statutory period for response set to expire on August 3, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

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Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on
page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.